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Appl. No. : 10/606,508  
Applicant : James J. Bernas, et al.  
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Title : Double-Skin Honeycomb Substrate and  
Extrusion Die Assembly for Making the Same  
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Examiner : Ling X. Xu  
Docket No. : SP03-073

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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION  
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action dated August 1, 2005, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-28, drawn to a honeycomb, classified in class 428, subclass 116; and  
Group II. Claims 29-46, drawn to an extrusion die assembly, classified in class 425, subclass 461.

The Examiner asserted the following:

- That inventions I and II are related as apparatus and product made.
- The inventions in this relationship are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the apparatus as claimed is not an obvious apparatus for making the product and the apparatus can be used for making a different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different apparatus (MPEP § 806.5(g)). In this case the apparatus as claimed is not obvious apparatus for making the double-skin honeycomb product and apparatus can be used for making a different product such as a single-skin honeycomb structure.

- These inventions are distinct for the reasons above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification.

Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group II drawn to the extrusion die assembly upon which claims 29-46 read, without traverse.

Further, Examiner has also required Applicant to elect under 35 U.S.C. 121 a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Examiner indicated that no claim is generic.

Applicants respectfully elect the species of Fig. 8A, 8B, 8C upon which claims 29-38, 41 and 44 read, without traverse.

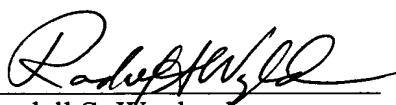
Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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